

Directions:

Driving from MCAS Iwakuni to Costco in Fukuoka

Costco Wholesale is about 250 km (150 miles) from Iwakuni and is about a 3 hour drive.

To get to the Sanyo Expressway: Exit the main gate, cross the tracks, and turn right on route 188 at the first traffic light. Follow route 188 until route 2. At route 2, turn left. Follow route 2 to the expressway entrance. (Yes, there are faster and shorter ways to get there but these directions are easy to explain and easy to follow.)

Once you pass the toll gate, get on the expressway going in the direction of Kitakyushu. Follow the **Sanyo Expressway** until it ends at the **Chugoku Expressway**. (You will not have to turn, exit, or go through a toll booth, you will simply merge onto the Chugoku Expressway.)

At the **Shimonoseki Junction**, remain on the **Chugoku Expressway**.

The last service area on Honshu is “**Dannoura**” (mile post 541.) This service area has a nice view of the Kamon strait and the bridge that connects Honshu and Kyushu. (The corresponding service area on your way back is “Mekari.”)

When you get back on the expressway and cross the bridge, the name of the expressway will shortly change to the **Kyushu Expressway**. (You will not have to turn, exit, or go through a toll booth, only the name of the expressway changes.)

Exit the **Kyushu Expressway** at **Exit 7 - Fukuoka IC**.

After the toll booth, follow the **route 201** sign that says “**To Izuka.**” (Do NOT follow the sign that says “To Fukuoka.”) **Remain in the left lane on route 201.** You will follow **route 201** for only 1 Km. Go up the off ramp and turn left on to **route 35** at the traffic light.

Follow **route 35** for about 4 Km and you'll see the sign for **Costco** off to your left in the **Torius Shopping Mall**.

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